

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 725

By Rochelle

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Ms. Alaina Denise Russell, 2002 Valedictorian of Red Boiling Springs High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students, who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Alaina Denise Russell is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2002 graduating class at Red Boiling Springs High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Ms. Russell has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Alaina Denise Russell has earned an exemplary 4.7143 Grade Point Average while being active in numerous extracurricular activities, sports, and hobbies. During her high school years, Ms. Russell has been actively involved in the English Club, the Math Club, the Beta Club, and the Science Club; she played for two years on the Varsity Basketball team and one year on the Varsity Volleyball team and served as the Statistician for the Baseball team; and

WHEREAS, when she is not pursuing her studies or lending her time and many talents to her after-school activities, Ms. Russell also enjoys reading and writing short stories; and

WHEREAS, voted "Most Intellectual" by her peers during her Junior year, Ms. Russell's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success, as she plans to attend Tennessee Technological University in the fall and major in Computer Science; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Alaina Denise Russell's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Tony and Lisa Russell; her grandparents, Charles and Mava Jordan and Wilma Russell; her school; and her community; and

WHEREAS, her grandfather the late Kirk Russell, would also be proud of his granddaughter and all of her many accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, the recipient of the coveted Chamber of Commerce Award, Ms. Russell was also honored with the Highest Grade Point Average Award in both Basketball and in the Beta Club; she has also been featured in the publication of *Who's Who Among American High School Students*; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Alaina Denise Russell's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby commend and honor 2002 Red Boiling Springs High School Valedictorian, Ms. Alaina Denise Russell, on her impressive academic achievement, and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.